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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan on 19 April 1994 concerning the developments in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would be grateful if this statement is circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Hamid Ali ELTINAY
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Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Statement dated 19 April 1994 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday issued a communiqué expressing the extreme concern of the Sudan at the developments in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the light of the unfair Serbian invasion of that peaceful, defenceless and weaponless country. The statement reads as follows:

> The Sudan has been following with extreme concern the developments in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the unfair Serbian invasion of that peaceful, defenceless and weaponless country. The safe areas project is not deflecting the suffering from the helpless Bosnian people or averting the hand of the Serbian aggressors. The safe areas have only served as traps and assembly points for that ill-fated people so that it might be subjected to the cruellest kinds of butchery and human liquidation and so that the hand of the Serbian aggressors might be freed to complete their unholy task of the ethnic cleansing of the Bosnian people and trying to eliminate them as Muslims and to wipe them off the map of Europe. The Sudan, proceeding from its firm conviction of the need to respect and observe human rights and its respect for international legitimacy and its resolutions, is observing the deterioration of events in that region, with the daily increase of suffering and hardships for the long-suffering and steadfast Bosnian people, the obduracy of the warmongers and their exploitation of Security Council resolutions as a cover for more atrocities and genocide. The Sudan once again draws the attention of the international community to its responsibilities towards a people exposed to the worst onslaughts of murder, pillage and displacement that ever befell a people in the whole of human history. We call on the international community, the Western and the Islamic States and all peace-loving States to adopt a more rigorous stand in order to deter the Serbian aggressors and save the surviving portion of the people of Bosnia, the victim of aggression. The Security Council bears full responsibility for what is taking place in Gorazde - we seek help from God.